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FREE TRADE.

From Labor it hath stolen bread,
Has robbed him of his own,
And in return has given him
A theory and a stone.

—American Economist.

By covering up their tracks some men get credit for walking in the straight and narrow path.

IS THE REVOLUTING OVER?

Carranza says he considers himself obligated to carry out the reforms which failed of consummation in the brief Madero regime. He is a more practical man and a more forceful man than Madero was, and it is to be hoped that he may be able to execute his purposes. The country by now should have had a surfeit of disorder and be ready at least for an interval of peace.—Nashville Banner.

FACTS OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION.

A Milwaukee manufacturer of knit gloves and mittens, referring to The Tariff League's inquiry concerning payroll accounts in the banks for corresponding weeks in June, 1913, and June, 1914, writes as follows:

We wish to state that our line of business is practically at a standstill, and we are at present face to face with a proposition of working shorter hours and of closing down entirely one of our plants, a condition not existing in our line since 1896. In fact, up to the present year it has been almost impossible for us to at any time take care of all the business given to us. We have no doubt that the enactment of the present Tariff law has brought about this exceedingly unsatisfactory condition in the textile glove and mitten business of this country. It is from such plain, practical, truthful reports as this that the facts of business depression are gleaned. We wish that there could be a hundred thousand reports from individual manufacturers setting forth actual conditions, whether good, bad or indifferent. The truth will in time be known, but it would be for the general good of the country if it were made known in extensive detail during the next three months.

EXECUTIVE ABILITY.—IS IT A PHRASE?

Despite the fact that all technical journals make frequent reference to the mysterious attribute known as "executive ability," none has as yet offered a satisfactory definition of it; much less have they attempted to tell us how it may be acquired, or how developed, if it be a latent trait, remarks a writer in the American Machinist.

We all know the bullying, swearing, driving foreman, of whom his men are more than half afraid, and we must recognize the fact that some of his type are competent executives despite their overbearing manner, but it is not his aggressive demeanor that makes him so; that only detracts, and he would be the more capable man without it. We all know—and take off our hats to the quiet, unassuming man, beloved by all who are responsible to him, who, with a nod of the head, or the crook of a finger can get more work out of his gang than the bully with all his swearing can do. This man is the antithesis of the other, possessing apparently nothing in common with him; yet, each must possess that elusive underlying spark that makes ordinary men jump to their bidding without stopping to question why. I believe that this trait is inherent. It is a well-known fact that a protruding chin denotes firmness of character and if a child is born without such a chin, how can he be expected to acquire it? And if he can acquire firmness of character without the chin, then his face becomes a false index—a condition, belief in the existence of which, my study of human nature does not warrant.

If I am wrong—if the executive ability can be acquired, or even developed along definite lines of study—then the time is ripe for someone to rise to the occasion.

If a friend pulls his watch on your funny story cut it short.

BASEBALL TOTTERING.

The national sport, if it has not been slain outright, lies apparently mortally wounded upon the altar of greed. Playing upon the credulity and encephalitis of the athletes themselves, shrewd and calculating promoters have brought about conditions in baseball that have injured the sport beyond repair. Implicit belief in the integrity of baseball, a confidence that the game was being conducted on its merits, endeared the pastime to every American. It was commended universally because of its wholesomeness as a spectacle and its unquestioned right to be classified as a fine type of out-door sport, in which hundreds of thousands of young men and boys might participate actively or as spectators.

In the development of the sport, as such, to its highest degree of perfection, organization was indispensable. Organization and direction by skillful business men alone made possible the development and growth of professional baseball, in the profits of which the athlete has shared most generously. Whether owner and manager profited or not, the players have invariably received their liberal and just stipend. Whether they performed before thousands or before hundreds only has meant nothing to the players, who have rested securely upon their salary contracts, the faithful performance of which has not been violated.

Little more than one short season has been sufficient to destroy the confidence of that great body of men and women who have made the game possible, and, under certain circumstances, profitable. Greed, a super-commercialization, has served all too quickly to impair that confidence and to destroy the unquestioned belief of the public in the integrity of baseball as a sport. The spectacle of contract jumping, the utterances of athletes that they are in the pastime only for the money that is in it, the indifference, expressed or implied, of many of the athletes, to moral or legal obligations, has quickly resulted in a loss of interest on the part of the public. That apathy and indifference will become more marked year after year.

A species of harikari has been committed. The athletes themselves have destroyed the goose that laid the golden egg. The so-called "magnates" may not have been altogether fair at all times, and this newspaper holds no brief for any one of them. It does believe, however, that they were trying to maintain the sport on a high plane, and that the players have chosen an ill-timed and self-destructing method of righting fancied or real wrongs.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



THE DAILY NOVELETTE.

The Rescuers.

The youngster was found,
In condition so ghastly,
They sent him right off
To the hospital fastly.

In a second the poor little fellow was surrounded. Cries of horror, fright, pity, consternation, dismay, compassion and alarm filled the air so that breathing was almost impossible.
"Oh, the blood, the blood! I never saw so much blood on one face in my life!" cried a fainting lady.
"Send for a hospital!" shouted a distracted man. Wildly signalling for a taxi, he grasped the boy to lift him inside.
"Some of you men help me, he's struggling," he cried.
"See he's fighting our efforts to help him. The poor lad is delirious!"
"Leggo! Leggo!" yelled the little boy, while the ominous crimson drops dripped dreadfully.
But finally they got him into the taxi and, after a record-breaking run, to the St. Speedway Hospital.
During all that wild ride he kept shouting deliriously and trying to escape.

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At the hospital Dr. Powdergag wiped the cherry stains off the boy's face with a wet sponge.
"What's all the excitement?" asked the doctor.
"I was slidin' down outa me ol' man's cherry tree when these nuts grabbed me and kidnapped me!" gasped the little boy.
It is not yet known who paid the taxicab bill, or even whether.—Louisville Times.

The largest corn field in Brown County, Ohio, is to be found on the farm of Edward Boyd, just east of Mt. Orab. The Boyd farm is one of the largest in the county, and he has this year, growing in one tract, something like 125 acres. Its size and the manner in which it is being attended attracts every one who goes that way. Just now with present weather conditions, the outcome of the corn crop is closely watched.

SHORT WEIGHT HAMS

Fourteen Ounces To Pound Found Including Wrapping Papers.

(Georgetown (Ohio) News-Democrat.)
A goodly number of hams done up in burlap and paper coverings stamped with the weight of the entire package and not the ham alone will get dealers into trouble in this State soon. Fred C. Albrecht, State sealer of weights and measures, announced he will start prosecution of dealers who sell hams or sides of bacon according to the weight on the covering which may weigh as much as fourteen ounces, yet be sold at the price of meat. The state sealer will follow a decision of Attorney General Hogan, of Ohio.

OHIO NOW IN FRONT RANK

Few States Have Anything on Ohio Starting in Good Road Work.

A few years ago Ohio had more than its share of the worst roads in the United States. Today it almost heads the list of States. Rhode Island and Massachusetts, two very small States, being at the top.

A compendium gotten up by the State Highway Commissioner reveals many interesting facts about Ohio roads. Ohio has 83,700 miles of roads outside of cities, of which 28,413 miles are improved. Ohio cities have 11,000 miles of streets, 6,300 of which are improved.

Cuyahoga county has more brick roads than any other county. Huron more concrete highways, Allen more macadam and Darke more gravel.

GOOD ROADS AS CROP PRODUCERS

Government Studies Show How the Agricultural Output of a County Depends Upon Its Highroads.

Washington, D. C.—That an improved road will increase vastly the productivity of the area through which it runs has now been satisfactorily demonstrated by studies conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture in Virginia. Conditions in Spotsylvania County were investigated with particular care and the results have proved surprising. In 1909 the county voted \$100,000 to improve 40 miles of roads. Two years after the completion of this work the railroad took away in 12 months from Gredericksburg, the county seat, 71,000 tons of agricultural and forest products hauled over the highways to that town. Before the improvement of the roads this total was only 49,000 tons annually; in other words the quantity of the county's produce had risen more than 45 per cent. Still more interesting, however, is the increase shown in the quantity of the dairy products. In 1909 these amounted to 114,815 pounds, in 1911 to 273,928 pounds, an increase of practically 140 per cent. In two years, in the same time shipments of wheat had increased 50 per cent, tobacco 31 per cent, and lumber and other forest products 48 per cent.

In addition to this increase in quantity the cost of hauling each ton of produce was materially reduced. In other words the farmers not only produce more but produce more cheaply, for the cost of transportation to market is of course an important factor in the cost of production. From this point of view it is estimated that the \$100,000 spent in improving the roads in Spotsylvania County saved the farmers of that county \$41,000 a year.

In the past two years the traffic studies of the Federal experts show that approximately an average of 65,000 tons of outgoing products were hauled over the improved roads in the county an average distance of 8 miles, or a total of 520,000 "ton-miles." Before the roads were improved it was estimated that the average cost of hauling was 20 cents a "ton-mile;" after the improvement this fell to 12 cents a "ton-mile," or a saving of 8 cents. A saving of 8 cents per mile on 520,000 "ton-miles" is \$41,000 a year. The county's investment of \$100,000 in other words returns a dividend of 40 per cent, annually.

Because this saving, in cases of this character, does not take the form of cash put directly into the farmers' pocket there is a widespread tendency to believe that it is fictitious profit, while as a matter of fact it is just as real a source of profit as the increase in the price of wheat.

In Dinwiddie County, Virginia, for example, where peanuts is one of the staple crops, the average load for two mules on a main road was about 1,000 pounds before the road was improved. After its improvement the average load was found to be 2,000 pounds and the time consumed in hauling the larger load to market was much reduced. In other words one man with a wagon and two mules could do more than twice as much work with the improved road than with an unimproved road. This is the explanation of the extraordinary rise in the total output of agricultural products in a county with a good road system.

FARMER'S WIFE TOO ILL TO WORK

A Weak, Nervous Sufferer Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Unless there is something in it for him, a man's interest in your proposition is purely perfunctory.

It is said of nearly every old bachelor: "The young woman to whom he was engaged died just a few weeks before the date set for their marriage."

MAY PROVE FATAL

When Will Maysville People Learn the Importance of It?

Backache is only a simple thing at first; But if you find 'tis from the kidneys; That serious kidney troubles may follow.

That droopy or Bright's disease may be the fatal end. You will be glad to know the following experience.

'Tis the statement of a Maysville citizen, Mrs. Della Lunsford, 328 E. Front St., Maysville, Ky., says: "I attributed kidney trouble to a strain. I had sharp, shooting pains through my kidneys and a dragging down feeling through my hips. I had dull headaches and dizzy spells and often if I had not caught hold of something for support, I would have fallen. I was in that condition for several years, up one week and in bed the next. I finally began to notice symptoms of dropsy and in a short time I was suffering from that trouble. My feet began to swell and my hands were at times the same way. At night I was restless and always felt tired. I read of a similar case being cured by Doan's Kidney Pills and I got a supply. Before long I was completely and permanently cured. Doan's Kidney Pills saved my life. I am glad to confirm my former endorsement of this remedy." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Lunsford had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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